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that the age of the fowl, the breed, and other factors may have a bearing on the results, and further work is needed along this line as well as on the relation of the fly *Lucilia cæsar* to the disease.

COURT DECISION ON PURIFICATION OF WATER SUPPLY.

The Court of Appeals of Kentucky has decided¹ that under the statutes the State board of health can forbid the furnishing by a company of impure water to a community on the ground that such water is a nuisance, but can not direct the use of any particular method of purification. The following is a portion of the court's opinion:

* * * We have no doubt that the State board of health may, under said section 2057, abate any nuisance in this State caused by filth which induces sickness. In this respect the powers of the board are broad, but not unlimited, and must be exercised within a sound discretion; not whimsically or capriciously nor arbitrarily. If the board of health in dealing with such matters does not exceed its powers nor abuse its discretion, its orders will be upheld by courts as final and conclusive. * * *

Although, as said above, the board of health has the power to abate a nuisance, source of filth or cause of sickness, it has no mandatory power enabling it to direct the method by which the result shall be accomplished. It can only cause the abatement of the nuisance, and is not concerned with the method by which it is done. In other words, it may stop the furnishing of impure and dangerous water to a community, but it has no power to direct a water company to install any particular character of plant for sedimentation, filtration, or chlorination of the water, and the water company may adopt any system that may seem best or expedient to it, if the system adopted produces the results desired—clear, soft, wholesome water. * * *

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED JAN. 14, 1922.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Jan. 14, 1922, and corresponding week, 1921. (From the Weekly Health Index, Jan. 17, 1922, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Jan. 14, 1922.	Corresponding week, 1921.
Policies in force.....	48, 548, 844	45, 700, 065
Number of death claims.....	10, 240	9, 697
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	11. 0	11. 1

¹Prunell et al. v. Maysville Water Co., 234 S. W., 967.